



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

May 30, 2000

**H.R. 3999**  
**Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 24, 2000*

H.R. 3999 would amend Public Law 94-584, which authorizes the Virgin Islands and Guam to adopt local constitutions. Specifically, the bill would clarify that adopting a local constitution would not limit the rights of the citizens in determining the ultimate political status of either territory. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3999 would have no budgetary impact. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3999 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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